

Annual Report of Mossy Foot UK for year ending 12 August 2022

Administration

Mossy Foot UK achieved registration with the Charity Commission on 29 May 2009 under number 1129888. Its first full accounting year after that registration ended on August 2009 and that was its second year of operation as it was given charitable status by HMRC in October 2008 backdated to the date of its Trust Deed (13 August 2008).

This is Mossy Foot UK's fifteenth year of operation. The Trustees of Mossy Foot UK are Dr Lucinda Claire Fuller and Graeme David Akhurst. The offices of the Charity are at Beacon Hill House, Little Mongeham, Kent CT14 0HW. They were the trustees at inception and expect to remain as the only trustees for the foreseeable future. Only the existing Trustees as a body have power to appoint new trustees. Mossy Foot UK does not have any employees. The Trustees held 3 meetings during the year.

Financial Report

Mossy Foot saw its receipts up this year from £12,325 last year to £13,971. The difference was due to a consulting engagement by Dr Fuller payment for which was made by the relevant organisation to Mossy Foot UK. Mossy Foot UK has no reserves policy and is not in deficit. Its own website hosting and administration requires it to keep a small amount in hand (it has no other committed payments). Two years ago Mossy Foot migrated to a new web design company and paid for a new website hoping to facilitate regular updating and refreshing. This year it continued donations to "Action on Podoconiosis and Integrated Development Organisation" ("APIDO") www.actiononpodo.com which gained administrative approval at the beginning of 2012. Mossy Foot UK transferred £15,000 to APIDO during the year which it uses for general purposes (paying the staff who run its clinics in Southern Ethiopia and running training programmes in shoemaking, training on income generation. In addition to supporting training of government healthcare workers to take over the care of patients, APIDO is also support the logistical infrastructure of ensuring treatment package materials are available for the government run clinics). Further grants are expected to be made to APIDO in the future. None of Mossy Foot UK's funds are restricted and it holds no funds as custodian trustee. No payments were made to the Trustees. The amount in the account at the end of the year was £2,640.

Objects, Activities and Public Benefit Statement

The objects of Mossy Foot UK are to relieve the condition of podoconiosis ("Mossy Foot") in sufferers in Ethiopia and to provide care and rehabilitation for such persons. It is also to promote the physical and mental health of Mossy Foot sufferers in Ethiopia through the provision of financial assistance, support, education and practical advice.

Mossy Foot UK has supported APIDO with financial disbursements in 2022. Professor Paul Matts continues to provide external governance support for APIDO but due to the ongoing restrictions of the COVID19 Pandemic has not been able to visit this year.

APIDO's vision to see Ethiopia free of podoconiosis is in line with the objects of Mossy Foot UK. Its strategy to achieve this is via the co-ordination and empowerment of stakeholders. Specifically, Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health workers are targeted with support to enable them to continue to improve provision of care for persons with podoconiosis and to improve their health, psychosocial and economic outcomes. APIDO has maintained its programmes through the political instability which has continued since 2020 and the COVID pandemic. APIDO continue to work with patients and other beneficiaries increasing their numbers in 2021 across several districts including Esera, Tocha, Loma, Mareka, & Zaba-Gezo Districts and Tarcha city administration of Dawro Zone in

Southern Nations Nationalities & People's Regional State. They have added nearly 500 new patients to the treatment programme this year.

Their workstreams include:

- Patient Screening, registration and treatment
- Supporting and developing the manufacturing capacity to produce custom made large shoes for podo patients
- Improving Logistics supply and monitoring of Federal Ethiopian Ministry of Health run Health Centers.
- Reducing Podo disease related sufferings holistically including expansion of wound care programs and income generating training for patients.
- refreshing training on basic podoconiosis information for community health development armies (A social care initiative of the Ethiopian Ministry of Health)
- Setting up and supporting patient led groups in health centres
- Refresher on the job training for health care workers in health centres

In addition to screening for new patients, APIDO sensitises community members in the regions to understand podoconiosis enabling reduction of stigma towards those affected.

2021 activities included the distribution of personal protective equipment and hand sanitisers for the staff and partners working with podoconiosis clients.

Dr Fuller continues as Chair of the International Foundation for Dermatology (IFD) www.ifd.org and is also on the board (as well as a member of the executive committee) of International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) (www.ilds.org). This enables her to keep Mossy Foot on the agenda of global health dermatology and ensure that it is included in the programme of dermatology and tropical health scientific agendas. Over the past year she has been working directly with the WHO neglected tropical disease unit to develop a framework for community health care workers which will include care for podoconiosis patients. This package was completed and launched in June 2022 entitled "Ending the neglect to attain the sustainable development goals: a strategic framework for integrated control and management of skin-related neglected tropical diseases";

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240051423>

Dr Fuller is one of the founders of GLODERM, the international alliance for global health dermatology. This has recently partnered with CeraVe to launch a mentorship programme. Materials included a promotional video where Professor Wendemegagen Enbiale was featured for his work on establishing a podo patient organisation as part of the podo care programme in the Bahir Dar region of Ethiopia.

Dr Fuller has used her IFD/ILDS roles and membership of the Footwork International (www.podo.org) steering group to continue to work with the World Health Organisation (WHO). She has joined the trustee board of FootWork UK, as FootWork International sort to have a UK headquarters in addition to its USA presence. Mossy Foot UK continues as a partner organisation of Foot Work International.

She is also chairing the Scientific Advisory Board of 5S Foundation at Brighton and Sussex Medical School, a new stream of international research studying the impact of social sciences;

<https://www.bsms.ac.uk/research/global-health-and-infection/nih-5s-foundation/nih-5s-foundation.aspx>

Mossy Foot UK intends to further update its website (www.mossyfootuk.com) this year completing the migration from the old site. Following the commission of the new website in 2020, work continues to refresh the news areas and educational components to improve the educational effectiveness of the website as well as an advocacy platform.

The public benefit of these actions is (a) to improve the situation of Mossy Foot sufferers both financially and medically enabling reintegration into their communities with no dependence on begging and (b) to increase awareness of Mossy Foot amongst both the Ethiopian and non-Ethiopian populations thereby helping to reduce the stigma attached to the condition.

The trustees therefore confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers.